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Subject: Comments on Recreation / Socioeconomic Workgroup Resource Goals
Lake Oroville Relicensing (FERC 2100)

To: Mike Taylor

Please review and forward the following comments to Dale Hoffman-Floerke at dalehf@water.ca.gov by close of business May 10. These comments are my response to the message from Patti Kroen, relicense project facilitator, and contain my suggestions for Resource Goal statements, derived from the RecSocResourceGoalsrvsd4-23-01 and RecSocIssueStatmntsrvsd4-19-01 documents that were mailed to the work group participants. My comments are in *italics*.

/s/ Tricia D. Humpherys

Recreation

Issue Statement R1: Adequacy of existing project recreation facilities, opportunities, and access to accommodate current use and future demand.

Suggested Resource Goal: *Ensure project recreation facilities meet public demand through the license period.*

Comments on Resource Goals Document: *None.*

Issue Statement R2: Adequacy of public safety at the Oroville Project recreation facilities.

Suggested Resource Goal: *Ensure project lands and facilities provide for public safety and security.*

Comments on Resource Goals Document: *The three Resource Goals listed in the draft document appear to be better stated as Objectives.*

Issue Statement R3: Effects of facilities operations on recreation and socioeconomic opportunities.

Suggested Resource Goal: *Provide community-wide socioeconomic support through managing project lands and facilities in a manner that promotes high quality recreational use of the project area.*

Comments on Resource Goals Document: *Resource Goals two and three appear to describe specific study needs.*



Issue Statement R4: Adequacy of maintenance and clean-up activities associated with recreation areas.

Suggested Resource Goal: *None (see below)*

Comments on Resource Goals Document: *Resource Goal 1 should be considered an objective.*

Comments on Issue Statement: *This Issue Statement may be better used at a time when specific objectives are being developed. An objective relating to this Issue Statement may include a description of how to provide high quality recreation opportunities (which would include well maintained and clean recreation areas).*

Issue Statement R5: Appropriate recreation funding, development, and management structure.

Suggested Resource Goal: *Encourage all land management agencies with management responsibilities in the Project Boundary to coordinate planning and management efforts of project lands, where appropriate.*

Comments on Resource Goals Document: *Resource Goals two through five should be considered objectives.*

Issue Statement R6: Appropriate management of fisheries and wildlife resources to provide recreational opportunities.

Suggested Resource Goal: *Ensure that management of fish and wildlife resources within the Project Boundary provides for related recreation opportunities.*

Comments on Resource Goals Document: *Resource Goal one identifies a specific study opportunity.*

Socioeconomic

Issue Statement S1: Improve economic development through recreation opportunities at the Oroville Facilities.

Suggested Resource Goal: *See Suggested Resource Goal R3. This goal addresses both recreation and socioeconomic issues.*

Comments on Resource Goals Document: *Resource Goals one and two identify potential study opportunities.*

Issue Statement S2: Assess the feasibility of economic development through lower local utility rates and or other available economic options related to project resources.

Suggested Resource Goal: *None.*

Comments on Resource Goals Document: *This Issue may be better addressed through one of the other work groups(?).*